

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Hideyasu MATSUMURA et al. **Confirmation No. 4013**  
Group Art Unit : 1796  
Appl. No. : 10/540,866  
Examiner : Winkler, Melissa A  
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For : EXPANDABLE RESIN BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED,  
STRAIGHT CHAIN, AND LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE,  
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, PRE-EXPANDED  
BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

**REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING**

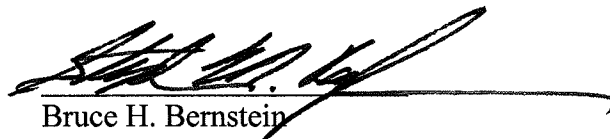
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.47, Appellants respectfully request an Oral Hearing in the above-identified Appeal. The fee for filing a Request for Oral Hearing is being paid concurrently herewith.

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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